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Procrastination

As a student, I am always having trouble with my homework, no matter it is difficult or not. When teacher gives homework, I consider finishing it immediately so that I can do whatever I like in the rest of time. However, my idea changes as soon as I get back to my dormitory. There seems to be something whispering:”You have enough time to do homework, just go playing now.” At that time, I feel that I can’t help put my bag away, turn on my computer and start to play games, watch videos, or go out for sports.

After doing all these activity, I sit down again and begin to do my homework. But unfortunately, I still can’t concentrate on it. I stop to go out having ice cream with my friend, or I put my homework away because a good television is on now. Sometimes I’m surprised that a little homework often takes me ten hours to finish. However, I come up a lot of excuses for my delaying, such as “It is not due tomorrow so I have a lot of time to do it”, “there is a whole night for my homework, I don’t need to do it now”. So that’s why I always finish my assignment until one or two o’clock, and I feel it so hard to get up the next morning.

What happens on me is called procrastination. The negative effect of procrastination troubles me for a long time since I’m a high school student, and for me, it is hard to overcome.(*Important*) It adds stress on me as well as others. When it comes to group work, it’s very embarrassing that other group members are waiting for me because of my procrastination. It also affects my health. (*Important*) My immune system becomes weak as a result of sleeping late every day. And I cannot*(error)* fall asleep earlier than 12 pm because my brain is active at that time. Procrastination becomes an annoying and continuing habit for me.

Taking these bad effects into consideration, I realize that it’s time to find some ways to overcome it. One efficient way is to stay in classroom finish my assignment right after the class. (*Important*) The knowledge I learned in class is still fresh at that time so I have a clear idea of my assignment. It also helps me to concentrate on my work in the classroom because nothing can distract me here. In this way I can finish my assignment efficiently and save my time. And the quality of my assignment will also be promoted.

Another way to avoid procrastination is to set two or three hours for my homework. (*Important*) It can be in the afternoon or in the evening, no matter in my dorm or in the study room. In these two or three hours, I should force myself to put all entertainment suppliers away and stay focus on my homework. In other words, I can’t do anything except studying. By doing so, I can finish my homework as efficient as the first way. At the same time, I can also improve my self-control because there are my computer and cell phone all around me.

In addition, I should throw away phrases that I often use to excuse, like “I don’t know where to start”, “I’ll do it later”. (*Important*) Procrastination is a bad habit, there is no excuse for it. If I don’t know how to start with my project, I should research on internet or ask teacher for advice. And when I am making assignment later, I should take up my pen and start right now. What’s more, I should do it instead of thinking. Every time before I begin writing my project, I consider a lot but at last I still can’t write much. Sometimes I got distracted while I am thinking. Then I spend a whole day thinking and thinking without writing anything. It makes me procrastinate and waste a lot of time. This time, I should just write down whatever I think about, it can help me stay concentrated on my writing.

Although procrastination is troublesome and hard to overcome, I think I can make it in many ways, like finishing assignment right after class, or making up a set time to do it. I believe my procrastination will be gone soon. Whenever I want to procrastinate, I will recall the slogan of Nike “Just do it”, and start right now.(*nice sentence)*

My comments for Bob.

I like your topic because I know you. My suggestion is that if you make your thesis statement clear, your essay will be stronger. I really wish you will be escape from this bad habit.